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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION/CONTINUATION-IN-PART PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability and/or examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's certificate or provisional application listed below, and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's certificate or provisional application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Serial No. 60/271,916, filed February 27, 2001

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application/continuation-in-part application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the firm of Vickers, Daniels & Young, Robert V. Vickers (Reg. No. 19,504), E. Kent Daniels, Jr. (Reg. No. 19,598), Thomas E. Young (Reg. No. 28,924), and Brian E. Turung (Reg. No. 35,394), 50 Public Square, Suite 2000, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-2235, to act jointly or severally as my attorneys, each with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and/or all the competent international authorities in connection with an international application connected therewith.

And I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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